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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuo HORIKAWA
Serial Number : 09/990,270
Filed : November 23, 2001
For : LOCK CLEVER DEVICE FOR WORKING
: IMPLEMENT DRIVE CONTROL SYSTEM OF
: CONSTRUCTION MACHINE VEHICLE
Examiner : Bradley J. Van Pelt
Group Art Unit : 3682

NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 14, 2004

Dear Sir:

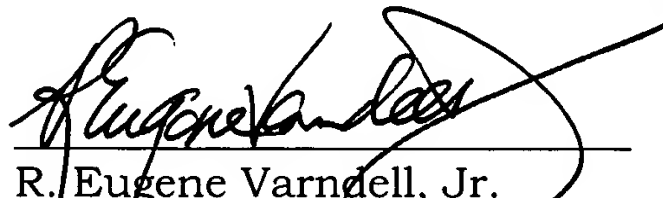
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the examiner's decision in the final Office action mailed December 12, 2003, finally rejecting claims 6-9. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time was filed on April 14, 2002. A Petition for a Second and Third Month Extension of Time and the Official fee therefor are being filed together herewith. The petitions for extension of time extended the due date for responding to the Office action mailed December 12, 2003, until June 12, 2004. Since June 12, 2004, was a Saturday, this notice of appeal can be timely filed on the following business day, namely, Monday, June 14, 2004.

A check in the amount of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$330.00) for the notice of appeal fee is attached hereto.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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